

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (currently amended)

An isolated polynucleotide a) ~~containing a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of~~] a polynucleotide ~~having at least 50% similarity with a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide~~ having the function of transcription factor and having an amino acid sequence of sequence SEQ ID No: 3, ~~and having the function of transcription factor thereof,~~
a) ~~a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a) and~~
a ~~polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of the polynucleotide defined in a) or~~
b).

Claim 33 (currently amended)

A An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 1 ~~32 in that~~ wherein this polynucleotide is a DNA.

Claim 34 (currently amended)

A An isolated polynucleotide according to claim 1 ~~32 in that~~ wherein this polynucleotide is a RNA.

Claim 35 (currently amended)

A An isolated polynucleotide as defined in claim 2 ~~comprising~~ 32 consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No: 1.

Claim 36 (currently amended)

A DNA sequence as defined in claim 1 ~~wherein this~~ 33 having the DNA sequence is that of the ~~CATFIHA gene coding for a protein having the biological function of transcription factor of Candida albicans CATIHA containing the nucleotide sequence~~ SEQ ID No: 1 2.

Claim 37 (currently amended)

A DNA ~~sequence~~ according to claim 5 33 having the sequence starting at nucleotide 720 and finishing at nucleotide 1955 of SEQ ID No: 1.

Claims 38 to 42 (cancelled)

Claim 43 (currently amended)

A process for the preparation of the recombinant protein CATFIHA having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 3 comprising expression of the DNA sequence according to claim 5 33 in a host, then isolation and purification of said recombinant protein.

Claim 44 (currently amended)

An expression vector containing the DNA sequence according to claim 33 5.

Claim 45 (currently amended)

A host cell transformed with a vector according to claim 44 14.

Claim 46 (currently amended)

The process of claim 43 13 wherein the host cell is DH5 alpha E.coli or XL1-Blue E.coli.

Claim 47 (currently amended)

The process of claim 43 13 wherein the host cell is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Claim 48 (previously presented)

The plasmid desposited at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes
CNCM at Institut Pasteur under the number I-2072.

Claim 49 (currently amended)

A kit for the diagnosis of fungal infections comprising a DNA sequence as defined in
claim 32 5 ~~or a functional fragment of this sequence.~~